

Austin, T e x a s

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FORTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE:

I am hereby returning to the House of Representatives House Bill No. 297 which is disapproved by me.

My objections to the bill arise from a belief that it is unconstitutional. It appears to me to be clearly in conflict with Section 56 of Article III of the Constitution, which prohibits the Legislature from passing any local or special law regulating the affairs of counties, cities, towns, wards or school districts.

The purpose of this bill appears to be good. I note further that the author, Honorable George Parkhouse, followed the provisions of Section 57, Article III, in advertising it as a local or special law. He is to be commended for advising his constituents of the proposed legislation. Notwithstanding the advertising, however, it is my belief that the bill is unconstitutional and, therefore, I cannot give it my approval.

Respectfully submitted

  
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Governor of Texas